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BACKPLANE  
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Examiner : Steven HD Nguyen  
Docket No. : 39892/JEC/X2/111480

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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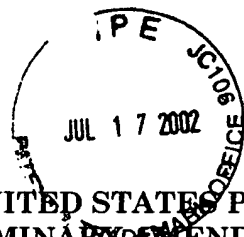
Commissioner:

Please enter the following amendment prior to a substantive examination of this application.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 4-8 without prejudice in accordance with the Examiner's restriction requirement mailed March 22, 2002. Please add new claims 9-13 as follows. The now pending claims are as follows:

1. A dedicated bandwidth data communication switch backplane, comprising:  
a plurality of switching controllers; and  
a plurality of packet buses, each packet bus having a root interfacing with a different one of the switching controllers and a



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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

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Total Claims Fee	8	* 8	0	x \$9.00	x \$18.00	-0-
Independent Claims	3	** 4	0	x \$42.00	x \$84.00	-0-
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- \_\_\_ Attached is our check for \$ to pay the fees calculated above.  
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\_\_\_ Other enclosures:

**Amendment Transmittal Letter**  
**Application No. 09/154,966**

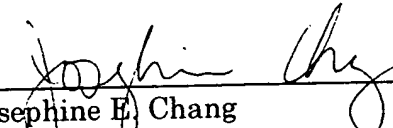
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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